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HOUSE BILL No. 1659

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Synopsis: Mass transit and transportation alternatives. Establishes the joint study committee on mass transit and transportation alternatives (committee). Provides that the committee consists of the members of: (1) the senate standing committee on homeland security, transportation, and veterans affairs; and (2) the house of representatives standing committee on transportation. Provides that the committee shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council. Provides that the Indiana department of transportation shall commission six studies on mass transit in Indiana by region. Provides that the department of transportation shall commission the studies by December 1, 2007. Provides that studies must be completed by July 1, 2008. Provides that the department of transportation may not spend more than \$250,000 on each mass transit study.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

Austin, Niezgodski

January 23, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.
February 15, 2007, amended, reported — Do Pass.
February 19, 2007, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-5-28 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2007]:

4 **Chapter 28. Joint Study Committee on Mass Transit and**
5 **Transportation Alternatives**

6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "committee" refers to the joint**
7 **study committee on mass transit and transportation alternatives.**

8 **Sec. 2. The joint study committee on mass transit and**
9 **transportation alternatives is established.**

10 **Sec. 3. The committee has the following membership:**

11 **(1) The members of the standing senate committee on**
12 **homeland security, transportation, and veterans affairs.**

13 **(2) The members of the house of representatives standing**
14 **committee on transportation.**

15 **Sec. 4. The chairs of the standing committees specified in section**
16 **3(1) and 3(2) of this chapter shall serve as co-chairs of the**
17 **committee.**

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Sec. 5. The committee shall do the following:

- (1) Review Indiana department of transportation studies regarding mass transit that have been conducted by the department.
- (2) Review federal legislative activity regarding development and expansion of mass transit as well as revenue streams on the federal level.
- (3) Review mass transit initiatives of other states.

Sec. 6. The committee shall report on and make recommendations concerning the following issues:

- (1) The need to use mass transportation to mitigate congestion.
- (2) Ways to address the demand for workforce transportation that is reliable and secure.
- (3) Ways to eliminate barriers to investment in mass transportation created by the current structure of transportation funding.
- (4) Existing barriers to private investment in mass transportation facilities, including tax inequities.
- (5) Effective ways of leveraging federal programs to supplement state funding of mass transportation.
- (6) The relationship between land use and investment in mass transportation infrastructure.
- (7) The role that mass transportation plays in promoting economic growth, improving the environment, and sustaining the quality of life.

Sec. 7. The legislative service agency and the Indiana department of transportation shall provide support staff for the committee.

Sec. 8. The committee shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] (a) As used in this SECTION, "department" refers to the Indiana department of transportation established by IC 8-23-2-1.

(b) Before December 1, 2007, the department shall commission six (6) studies concerning mass transit in each of the following regions:

- (1) Central Indiana, consisting of the following counties:
 - (A) Boone.
 - (B) Hamilton.
 - (C) Hancock.
 - (D) Hendricks.

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- 1 (E) Johnson.
- 2 (F) Madison.
- 3 (G) Marion.
- 4 (H) Morgan.
- 5 (I) Shelby.
- 6 (2) Northwest Indiana.
- 7 (3) Northeast Indiana.
- 8 (4) South central Indiana, including Monroe County.
- 9 (5) Southwest Indiana.
- 10 (6) Southeast Indiana.
- 11 (c) Each of the studies specified in subsection (b) must analyze
- 12 the following aspects of mass transit systems:
- 13 (1) The need to use public transportation to mitigate
- 14 congestion.
- 15 (2) Ways to address the demand for workforce transportation
- 16 that is reliable and secure.
- 17 (3) Ways to eliminate barriers to investment in public
- 18 transportation created by the current structure of
- 19 transportation funding.
- 20 (4) Existing barriers to private investment in public
- 21 transportation facilities, including tax inequities.
- 22 (5) Effective ways of leveraging federal programs to
- 23 supplement state funding of public transportation.
- 24 (6) The relationship between land use and investment in
- 25 public transportation infrastructure.
- 26 (7) The role that public transportation plays in promoting
- 27 economic growth, improving the environment, and sustaining
- 28 the quality of life.
- 29 (8) Policies required to develop a mass transportation system
- 30 to support a growing population and the states economy for
- 31 the foreseeable future
- 32 (9) Transit oriented development.
- 33 (10) Impact of mass transit on projected demographic
- 34 patterns including age populations.
- 35 (11) Current and future commuter patterns in the identified
- 36 counties.
- 37 (12) Current trends in mass transit.
- 38 (13) A review of federal activities in the area of mass transit.
- 39 (14) Funding options for pilot mass transit and alternative
- 40 transit systems.
- 41 (d) The department shall require winning bidders for the studies
- 42 required by subsection (b) to submit final reports by July 1, 2008.

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1 (e) The department shall transmit the results of the studies
2 required by subsection (b) to the public and, in an electronic
3 format under IC 5-14-6, to the general assembly on or about July
4 1, 2008. If a winning bidder produces intermediate reports in the
5 course of conducting a study, the department shall also transmit in
6 a timely manner the results of those intermediate reports to the
7 public, and in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, to the general
8 assembly and the governor.

9 (f) The department shall pay for the studies required by
10 subsection (b) from money under the department's control,
11 including money held in the following funds or accounts:

12 (1) Federal highway account.

13 (2) Federal transit account.

14 (3) State planning and research fund.

15 (4) State's portion of the public mass transit fund.

16 (g) The department's expenditures for a study required by
17 subsection (b) may not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars
18 (\$250,000).

19 (h) This SECTION expires January 1, 2009.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1659, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning transportation.

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

(SEE TEXT OF BILL)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1659 as introduced.)

AUSTIN, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that House Bill 1659 be amended to read as follows:

Page 36, line 36, delete "four (4)" and insert "**six (6)**".

Page 3, between lines 9 and 10, begin a new line block indented and insert:

"(5) Southwest Indiana.

(6) Southeast Indiana."

(Reference is to HB 1659 as printed February 16, 2007.)

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